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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Visit of Ambassador Edward M. Korry to
Headquarters on 20 November 1968;
Working Lunch 1230-1330 hours

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Korry and Mr. Chapin
Mr. Broe and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. Mr. Broe asked the Ambassador how he felt about the election program as it has developed to date. After giving a rundown on how he saw things developing in Chile with regard to the various political parties, the Ambassador said that he was satisfied with the election program which has given him flexibility in dealing with the situation over the past few months and also provides similar leverage for the next few months as well. We are helping some good candidates [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The support to National Party candidates will help to soothe old wounds with the Chilean rightists. The Ambassador agreed that the program is more limited than one originally would have expected because, he said, there are just very few opportunities with the Chilean election system (d'Hondt) where leverage can meaningfully be applied. He predicted support would be given to 15 candidates at most. In brief, no initiative on the Ambassador's part to change the status of [REDACTED] is anticipated.

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2. As to the importance of the March elections, the Ambassador said that they will be very significant. He predicted that the Radicals would, in fact, lose percentage-wise in March and that would become important in dumping the left-leaning leadership.

3. The Ambassador did not directly state his strategy for the period preceding the presidential elections, but he made it abundantly clear that he lines up with President Frei and the Christian Democrats. He thought Frei was doing a good job, and that Frei and his moderates would win the Party Congress in June 1969. The Ambassador gave the impression that Tomic is out and that a more moderate candidate - Leighton - would rise as the Party's presidential candidate. Although the Ambassador took repeated swipes at Allesandri, he left this option open in a remote kind of way, possibly as a bailout position.

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